After considering the comments of Shri Jaswant Singh and Shri Jai Narain Prasad Nishad in relation to the petition, the then Chairman was satisfied, having regard to the nature and circumstances of the case that it was necessary to refer the petition to the Committee of Privileges of Rajya Sabha and he referred the petition to the Committee of Privileges on February 21, 2006, for making a preliminary inquiry and submitting a report to him.

The Committee of Privileges submitted its Report to me on 20th November, 2007.

On receipt of this Report, I forwarded a copy threreof to Shri Jai Narain Prasad Nishad and gave him opportunities to appear before me on January 8, March 11 and March 26, 2008, to represent his case and to be heard in person, but he did not appear on the scheduled dates and time. Shri Nishad was thus given a reasonable opportunity to represent his case and to be heard in person in terms of Rule 7(7) of the Members of Rajya Sabha (Disqualification on ground of Defection) Rules, 1985.

Taking into account the facts of the case and the report of the Committee of Privileges and in accordance with the provisions of article 102(2) read with the Tenth Schedule to the Constitution of India, I decided and declared by an order as follows:

"In exercise of the powers conferred upon me under article 102(2) read with paragraph 6 of the Tenth Schedule to the Constitution of India, I, Mohammad Hamid Ansari, Chairman, Rajya Sabha, hereby decide that Shri Jai Narain Prasad Nishad, an elected Member of the Rajya Sabha from the State of Bihar, by voluntarily giving up his membership of the Bharatiya Janata Party, his original political party, has become subject to disqualification for being a Member of the Rajya Sabha in terms of paragraph 2(1)(a) of the Tenth Schedule to the Constitution of India."

Accordingly, Shri Jai Narain Prasad Nishad has ceased to be a Member of the Rajya Sabha with effect from 26th March, 2008.

RESIGNATION BY MEMBER

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have to inform Members that I had received a letter from Shri N. Jothi, a Member representing the State of Tamil Nadu resigning his seat in the Rajya Sabha. I have accepted his resignation with effect from 27th March, 2008.

GOVERNMENT BILL

The Central Universities Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2008

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now, we shall take up the Central Universities Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2008. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: (Jharkhand) Mr. Chairman, Sir, before anything ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Shri Arjun Singh to move a Motion ...*(Interruptions)*...

[MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN in the Chair]

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The Central Universities Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2008. *(Interruptions)*

डॉ॰ मुरली मनोहर जोशी (उत्तर प्रदेश): सर ...(व्यवधान)...

श्री एस॰एस॰ अहलुवालिया: बढ़ती हुई कीमतों पर (व्यवधान)...

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): Sir, I beg to move:

That the Bill further to amend the Banaras Hindu University Act, 1915, the Delhi University Act, 1922 ...*(Interruptions)*...

श्री उपसभापति: आप चाहते क्या हैं? ...(व्यवधान)... You have given the notice ...*(Interruptions)*... You have given the notice for Short Duration discussion. There is a BAC meeting today where it can be decided and we can take up the issue. *(Interruptions)*

श्री एस.एस. अहलुवालिया: बढ़ती कीमतों पर अंकुश ..(व्यवधान).. सरकार पूरी तरह से विफल हुई है। ..(व्यवधान).. आप सरकार को निर्देश दें। ..(व्यवधान)..

SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI (Maharashtra): Sir, first of all, the Government has to ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: There are notices for Short Duration discussion. *(Interruptions)* No, the Government has agreed to discuss...*(Interruptions)*... The Government has agreed to discuss. *(Interruptions)* Let us take up the discussion straightway. *(Interruptions)* *No, no.* *(Interruptions)*

SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA (Maharashtra): Sir, the Government is ready

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): Sir, with regard to the notices on Short Duration discussion ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Please listen to the Minister. *(Interruptions)* You are making a demand. The Government wants to respond. *(Interruptions)*

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI: Sir, this is not something which...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : The Government wants to respond ..*(Interruptions)*... आप चाहते क्या हैं? ...(व्यवधान)... The House is adjourned to meet tomorrowat 11:00 a.m.

The House then adjourned at fourteen minutes past twelve of the clock till eleven of the clock on Wednesday, the 16th April, 2008.

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